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THE FOLLOWING MSG FM KARACHI DATED 3 APR 75 ACTION ISLAMABAD AND INFO
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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL TOURS BALUCHISTAN

1. ACCORDING TO QUETTA EDITIONS OF URDU-LANGUAGE "MASHRIQ"
AND "JANG", PARTIALLY CORROBORATED BY "QUETTA TIMES", USSR CONSUL
GENERAL AT KARACHI V.P. VOLKOV MADE SIX-DAY TOUR OF BALUCHISTAN
MARCH 24-29. IN QUETTA, BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR MIR AHMED YAR KHAN
REPORTEDLY GAVE A TEA AND A DINNER IN VOLKOV'S HONOR MARCH 28.
DINNER WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY BALUCHISTAN ASSEMBLY SPEAKER BAROZAI,
INDUSTRIES MINISTER PARACHA, AND THE NAWAB OF KHARAN. OTHER
HIGHLIGHTS OF VOLKOV'S TOUR REPORTEDLY INCLUDED PRESENTATION OF
BOOKS TO BALUCHISTAN UNIVERSITY, DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH

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CEREMONY HE MADE A SPEECH, A VISIT TO PISHIN, AND A JOURNEY TO

KALAT, WHERE PRINCE DAUD JAN OF KALAT GAVE A LUNCHEON FOR VOLKOV.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE VOLKOV TOUR, BUT WILL BE ALERT FOR REPORT-WORTHY CONFIRMATION OF PRESS REPORTS AND FURTHER DETAILS. WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE RANGE AND FREEDOM OF CONTACTS WHICH GOP AUTHORITIES PERMITTED VOLKOV. IN VIEW OF PAST SOVIET COMPLAINTS REGARDING THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN COVERING BALUCHISTAN FROM KARACHI, AS OURS AND OTHER MISSIONS HERE DO, GOP PERMISSION FOR THE VOLKOV TOUR MIGHT BE SEEN AS EVIDENCE OF A GOP DECISION TO RESOLVE THE EQUAL TREATMENT QUESTION LIBERALLY RATHER THAN RESTRICTIVELY. ONE MIGHT ALSO SPECULATE THAT THE GOP PERMITTED THE VOLKOV VISIT AS A MEANS OF MOLLIFYING SOVIETS, WHO HAD REPORTEDLY REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH A CONSULATE IN QUETTA.

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